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2006 WIC Vendor Manual

The 2006 WIC Vendor Manual has been mailed to all authorized vendors and corporate contact persons. Please replace the contents of your Vendor Manual binders. The 2006 WIC Vendor Manual is also available in Korean upon request. The 2006 WIC Vendor Manual is available online in pdf format at www.mdwic.org. If you require additional copies of the manual, please contact JoAnn McGowen at 410-767-5251 or call 1-800-242-4WIC (4942) toll free.



Minimum Stock Requirement Changes

This serves as a reminder that changes to the required minimum stock for infant formula became effective January 1, 2006. The following quantities of infant formula must be maintained by WIC authorized vendors, excluding pharmacies:

Sixty-two 13-ounce cans of
 Enfamil W/Iron Lipil Concentrate

Ten 12.9-ounce cans of
 Enfamil W/Iron Lipil Powder

Sixty-two 13-ounce cans of
 Prosobee Lipil Concentrate

Ten 12.9-ounce cans of
 Prosobee Lipil Powder



WIC Authorized Foods List

Please be advised that the 2004 WIC Authorized Foods List remains in effect. No changes to the foods list are anticipated for 2006. We will provide notification when changes are made. If you would like a supply of the current WIC Authorized Foods List, please contact JoAnn McGowen at 410-767-5251 or 1-800-242-4WIC (4942) toll free.



Please note that the quantities indicated above are the minimum required stock for WIC vendors. If your store has a high volume of infant formula sales, it may be necessary to stock more than these quantities. In accordance with Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 10.54.03.15B(1)(a) a WIC authorized vendor is required to maintain the minimum stock in the store during business hours. Sanctions for violation of this COMAR provision are a written warning following each violation and suspension of authorization for one year for five violations of the same provision within a two year period. If you have any questions, please contact James A. Butler at 410-767-5258 or 1-800-242-4WIC (4942) toll free.

WIC Identification Folders

From time to time, WIC customers shopping in your stores inadvertently leave their WIC Identification Folders and WIC checks behind. Your cooperation is requested in contacting the Local WIC Agency whose phone number is on the front of the folder, so that the Participant can be

contacted and asked to return to your store to pick up their folder and checks. You may also contact this office at 1-800-242-4WIC (4942) toll free.



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2006 Cashier Training Schedule

A schedule of 2006 cashier training dates was mailed to all WIC vendors in February. Cashier training is offered by the WIC Program free of charge to help you keep your cashiers properly trained. Please see the upcoming dates provided below.



Caroline County	April 14	Wicomico County	May 30
Frederick County	April 28	Anne Arundel County	May 31
Baltimore City	May 10	Queen Anne's County	June 5
Garrett County	May 10	Montgomery County	June 5
Baltimore County	May 18	Allegany County	June 6
Howard County	May 19	Cecil County	June 6
Charles County	May 30	Carroll County	June 29

To take advantage of this optional training, please select a date and site your trainer and/or cashiers would like to attend, complete the registration form mailed to all stores and mail or fax it at least 5 days in advance of the training date to Frances McRae-Washington, Office of the Maryland WIC Program, 201 W. Preston Street, Baltimore, MD 21201. The fax number is 410-333-5683. The schedule is also available online in pdf format at www.mdwic.org.

Moving or Selling Your Store?

If you are moving or selling your store, please notify the Maryland WIC Program at least 15 days in advance. **Selling your store does not transfer your WIC authorization!**

The new owner must apply to the Maryland WIC Program for authorization. You are also required to return your WIC vendor stamps to the Maryland WIC Program. If you are planning to sell or relocate your store, or have any other questions, please contact JoAnn McGowen at 410-767-5251 or 1-800-242-4WIC (4942) toll free.



WIC Vendor Stamps

Do you need to replace your WIC Vendor Stamp? Stamps may be ordered from the Maryland Rubber Stamp Company. Contact Brenda or Barbara at 410-342-9100. Additionally, please take care to clean your stamps when needed, and refill the ink chamber so that your WIC vendor number is legible. If you have any questions, please contact JoAnn McGowen at 410-767-5251 or call 1-800-242-4WIC (4942) toll free.



Vendor Feedback

We want to make your participation in the WIC Program a rewarding experience. **WE NEED YOU!** Your input is valued and strongly encouraged. If you have suggestions or comments, please feel free to contact James A. Butler at 410-767-5258 or 1-800-242-4WIC (4942) toll free.



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